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United Nations regional centres for peace and disarmament

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.1/59/L.9

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

I. Request contained in the draft resolution

1. Under the terms of operative paragraph 5 of draft resolution A/C.1/59/L.9, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to provide the United Nations regional centres for peace and disarmament all the necessary support, within existing resources, to enable them to carry out their programmes of activities.

II. Relationship of the request to the programme of work

2. The request contained in operative paragraph 5 of the draft resolution is associated with programme 2, Disarmament, of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005, as revised by the General Assembly,[1] and section 4, Disarmament, of the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005.[2]

III. Activities by which the request would be implemented

3. The implementation of the request contained in operative paragraph 5 of the draft resolution, regarding the Secretary-General's provision of support to the regional centres, would be carried out within the resources provided under section 4 of the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005. The provision contained therein covers the three P-5 posts of Directors of the three regional centres for peace and disarmament.

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IV. Modifications required in the programme of work for 2004-2005

4. Modifications would not be required to programme 2 of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005, as revised by the General Assembly, or to section 4 of the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005, as the activities envisaged in operative paragraph 5 of the draft resolution fall under subprogramme 5, Regional disarmament, of section 4.

V. Potential for absorption

5. The programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 would continue to provide for the three P-5 posts of Directors of the three United Nations regional centres for peace and disarmament referred to in operative paragraph 5 of the draft resolution. The programmes of activities of the three centres would continue to be financed from extrabudgetary resources. Additional requirements are therefore not expected to arise under the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005.

6. The attention of the Committee is drawn to the provisions of section VI of General Assembly resolution 45/248 B of 21 December 1990, in which the Assembly reaffirmed that the Fifth Committee was the appropriate Main Committee of the Assembly entrusted with responsibilities for administrative and budgetary matters, and reaffirmed also the role of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

VI. Indication of additional requirements

7. **Accordingly, should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.1/59/L.9, no additional requirements would arise under the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005.**

Notes

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 6* (A/57/6/Rev.1).

[2] A/58/6 (Sect. 4).